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SUBJECT: CROATIA PROBABLY WILL SUPPORT US REGARDING
POTENTIAL ARTICLE 16 RESOLUTION

REF: SECSTATE 12900

Poloff delivered reftel demarche points on February 12, 2009 and followed up on February 13, 2009 regarding the Potential Article 16 UN Security Council Resolution to Vesna Vukovic, head of the MFA's UN office. She took note of our position and said that she would forward the U.S. views regarding the need to defeat a potential resolution to her colleagues in New York for consideration. She noted that Croatia, in general, is against article 16 resolutions, but a final decision would not be taken until an internal discussion took place with their mission in New York. Post will report any substantive response in a septel, but it would seem that Croatia's New York mission will take the lead on this decision, which allows for direct engagement by USUN.
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